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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
ASHIKARI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1649  
Application No.: 08/894,356 ) Examiner: U. Zaghmout  
Filed: August 18, 1997 )  
For: GENE ENCODING A PROTEIN HAVING )  
ACYL GROUP TRANSFER ACTIVITY )



**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Official Action mailed on April 9, 1999 :

three months to October 9, 1999 ; the extension fee is ☐ \$435.00 ☒ \$870.00.

☐ The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ An extension fee in the amount of \$ 870.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in triplicate.

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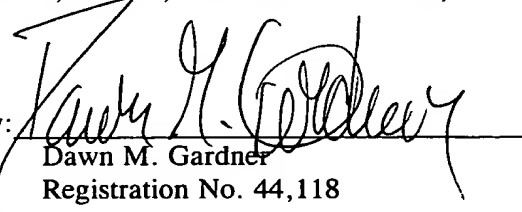
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